

REMARKS

This application contains claims 1-51. Claims 1-10, 12, 13, 18-28 and 35-45 are allowed. Claims 1, 5, 9, 11, 14, 22, 26, 29, 31, 39, 43, 46 and 48 are hereby amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5, 9, 22, 26, 39 and 43 were objected to for informalities. Applicant has amended these claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to overcome these objections. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful reading and consideration of the claims.

Claims 11, 14-17, 29-34 and 46-51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for errors of antecedence. Applicant has amended claims 11, 14, 29, 31, 46 and 48 in order to correct these errors. Accordingly, all the claims in this application are now believed to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112.

Applicant believes the amendments and remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the objections and grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner.

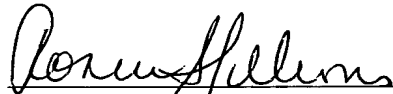
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In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in the present application are in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is hereby requested.

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